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SUBJECT: INFORMATION FOR EU SANCTIONS - GIDEON GONO

REF: STATE 70882

11. (U) Action Request: Action addressees are requested to deliver the information in para 4 to host governments. Info addressees should also deliver the demarche at that their discretion.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

12. (U) The U.S. listed Gideon Gono, Governor of the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, in the Annex of Executive Order 13391 on November 22, 2005. In E.O. 13391, the President authorized the blocking of all property and interests in property that are in the United States of individuals and entities listed in the Executive Order's Annex and any person determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to have engaged in actions or policies to undermine Zimbabwe's democratic processes or institutions (for the full E.O. text, please see: www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2005/11/2005_1123-4.html).

13. (SBU) The United States, and much of the international community, have expressed deep concerns about the situation in Zimbabwe following the illegitimate election on June 27, in which the Mugabe regime used violence and intimidation to force opposition candidate Morgan Tsvangirai - the winner of the March 29 election - out of the run-off election and to prevent a free and fair election that could reflect the will of the Zimbabwean people. The U.S. is proposing a UN Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) with Chapter VII measures, including a comprehensive arms embargo on Zimbabwe, and an asset freeze and travel ban against individuals and entities designated by the Committee as having engaged in or having provided support for actions or policies to undermine democratic processes or institutions in Zimbabwe, including having ordered, planned, or participated in acts of politically motivated violence, or as providing support to individuals or entities designated. (Please see reftel for full text.) The UNSCR includes an Annex of individuals to be designated immediately upon adoption of the resolution, including Gideon GONO. The Europeans are hesitant to agree to GONO's inclusion in the Annex, as the European Union has not designated him under the EU Zimbabwe sanctions programs (which permits sanctions against individuals who engage in activities that seriously undermine democracy, respect for human rights and the rule of law in Zimbabwe). We strongly encourage the EU to list GONO, and request support from European governments to maintain GONO's inclusion in the Annex for listing at the UN. There is ample information to support Gideon GONO's listing by the EU and the UN.

INFORMATION ON GIDEON GONO

14. (U) Please provide the following information to host governments:

GONO, Gideon
DOB 29 Nov 1959
Passport AD000854 (Zimbabwe)
Governor of the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe
GONO is responsible for funding repressive state policies.
The Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe has repeatedly raided foreign currency accounts. Exporting companies and NGOs complain of this to the Embassy.
As Governor of the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, Gono is responsible for rampant printing of money that allows the government of Zimbabwe to pay its debts) and which has led to an inflation rate currently estimated to be over 1 million percent, beggaring the people of Zimbabwe and destroying their purchasing power.
As Reserve Bank Governor of Zimbabwe, Gono controls issues far beyond the purview of his portfolio and has used his influence to manipulate the economy and facilitate numerous corrupt deals for Zimbabwe's ruling elite.
Gono, Mugabe's close advisor, wields influence over Zimbabwe's security services, judiciary, and ruling party to ensure Mugabe's often brutal and repressive policies are carried out, likely including the recent post March 29 violence.

Additionally, money that he printed as governor of the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe was used to pay military, war vets and the youth militia who carried out the violence.
Gono is personally very wealthy, having been involved in a number of illicit deals to fund Mugabe's coffers and his own bank account.

REPORTING DEADLINE AND POC

15. (U) Posts are requested to advise Department by 9 July of host governments' responses. Jean T Clark
(clarkjt@state.sgov.gov; clarkjt@state.gov; 202.736.7736) is the point of contact.

16. (U) Department appreciates posts' assistance.
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